

Time	Conference	Description
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Room: Augusta/Cap/Pinetree	Forestry Forum Host: Maine Woodland Owners	Forestry Forum is a free event open to the public offering information about forestry and discussing topics important to woodland owners. 8:00 AM - Arrival and Coffee 8:30 AM - Maine Woodland Owners Business Meeting 9:10 AM - Wood Market Update. <i>Ethan Bessey, President of E.D. Bessey and Son</i> 9:50 AM - Educating Foresters in a Post-Pandemic World. <i>Drs. Nicole Rogers and Jessica Leahy, University of Maine</i> 10:30 AM - Book presentation: "When the Land Turned Green: The Maine Discovery of the First Land Plants." - <i>Dean and Sheila Bennett</i> 11:25 AM - TBA 12:45 PM - Door prizes, award presentation 1:00 PM - Update on Invasive Pests and Disease in Maine's Forest. <i>Mike Parisio, Forest Entomologist, Maine Forest Service, Forest Health & Monitoring.</i> 1:40 PM - Forest Carbon Programs for Small Woodland Owners. <i>Lillian Hogan, NCX, Patricia Ruby, Family Forest Carbon Program</i> 2:45 PM - Final thoughts and close of meeting
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	And on That Farm There Was a ...Rat? Rodent IPM for Your Farm Host: Board of Pesticides Control	Speaker: Hillary Peterson CEU: Pesticide

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Waldo	WIC Farmer Training Host: Maine CDC WIC Nutrition Program	Learn how your farm can participate in this program to provide access to Maine-grown fruits and vegetables to supplement nutrition for pregnant women, babies, and young children.
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Hancock	Agroforestry Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Farmers, landowners, and wood lot managers of all experience levels are welcome. Maine DACF will host a panel of agroforestry experts from the region. Learn how agroforestry is a crop- business-, and land-management tool. Plus, why and when, it may be helpful for different farms. Specialists will discuss the types of help available to update or include agroforestry. Attendees are welcome to bring questions and ideas!
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Room: Arnold/Howard	Maine State Pomological Society Host: Maine State Pomological Society	Educational talks on apples and other trees fruits, and the organization's annual business meeting.
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	PFAS Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Interested in an update on how the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) helps farms impacted by PFAS contamination? Or how the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) efforts to test soil and water at certain sites across the state are progressing? Or how pesticides and PFAS may interconnect? Join staff from DACF, DEP, and the Board of Pesticides Control as they provide examples, updates, and guidance for producers.
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Waldo	Farmworker Resource Network	The Maine Farmworker Resource Network (FRN) is a coalition of service providers assisting farmworkers and fishers throughout

	Host: Maine Migrant Education Program	Maine. Working together, the FRN maximizes outreach and access to services. Representatives from the Maine Department of Labor, Mobile Health Program, Migrant Education Program, and other FRN organizations will be in attendance to share information about our programs.
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Room: Washington/York	Maine Maple Syrup Producers Host: Maine Maple Syrup Producers	Maple producer meeting.
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Farm Financial Planning Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Start your year off right with smart decision making and financial planning on the farm. Representatives from SCORE and Farm Credit East will highlight the importance of recordkeeping and budgeting and discuss what sort of annual financial planning might make sense for your operation. Join us for tips, tricks, farmer-to-farmer discussion, and maybe some motivation to dig into your books for 2023.
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Auditorium Main Stage	Maine Farm Ingredients - Beef Host: Maine Beef Producers	A demonstration about cooking with Maine beef.
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Alternative Access to Capital: Where's the Money Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Alex Redfield (DACF), Nicolas Lindholm (MOFGA), Alex Foulliard (MFT), Eric Ferguson (Harvest Tide). This session will provide an overview of the funding and financing landscape for farms and food businesses in Maine. Staff from both lending and grantmaking agencies will introduce you to some of the options for finding the funding

		<p>you need to grow your business. This session will highlight grants and loans from ME DACF, MOFGA, and ME Farmland Trust - but questions and reflections on all funding sources are welcome in the discussion.</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Lincoln/Oxford</p>	<p>Biology, Methods, and Systems for Composting Food and Other Residuals, and the Process/Components Required for the Development of a Compost Management Plan</p> <p>Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</p>	<p>Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit.</p> <p>Mark A. King, Organics Management Specialist, Division of Materials Management, Maine Department of Environmental Protection; & Mark F. Hedrich, Nutrient Management Program Manager, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.</p> <p>CEU: Nutrient Management</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Waldo</p>	<p>FarmDrop</p> <p>Host: FarmDrop</p>	<p>FarmDrop will hold a short films viewing of farmer stories and present the vision of building a multi-hub network of food producers across Maine.</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Lincoln/Oxford</p>	<p>High Tunnel Soil Management</p> <p>Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</p>	<p>Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit.</p> <p>Bruce Hoskins, Soil Scientist and Director, University of Maine Soil Testing and Analytical Laboratory.</p> <p>CEU: Nutrient Management</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Somerset</p>	<p>A Discussion About Farm Equipment "Right-to-Repair"</p>	<p>A discussion about the information, tools and technology available to growers and ranchers to enable repair and maintenance of their equipment by themselves, by</p>

	Host: Maine Farm Bureau	independent repair providers and by their dealer.
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Understanding the impact of soil fumigation from biological perspectives Host: Board of Pesticides Control	Speaker: Jay Hao CEU: Pesticide
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	PFAS Fund Public Hearing Host: PFAS Fund Advisory Committee	<p>The \$60 million PFAS Fund, proposed by Governor Mills and passed by the State Legislature, will provide direct relief to Maine farmers impacted by PFAS contamination. Join us in this session to learn about the current status of the PFAS Fund and to share your ideas about how funds should be spent, e.g., direct support to farmers, research into mitigation measures, medical testing, etc.</p> <p>Speakers are kindly asked to limit comments to 3 minutes. Additionally, written suggestions can be emailed to PFASFund.DACF@maine.gov.</p>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	So, You Want To Sell in Maine? Market Research for Farm Businesses Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Sarah Wiederkehr (Winter Hill Farm), Ben Metcalf (DACF), Kim Kuusela (Hannaford Local Buyer), and an attorney. This session will explore various aspects of selling farm products in markets from wholesale to retail, big and small. What does food sovereignty mean for your business? What regulations do you need to be aware of? How does a diversified farm navigate liability? Come with your questions for how to navigate a market you're considering for 2023.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Waldo	Mainers Feeding Mainers Host: Good Shepherd Food Bank	"Mainers Feeding Mainers - Impact Maine farms have on people experiencing hunger." Sharing what the Mainers Feeding Mainers program is all about. Hear from Maine farmers who grow produce for Good Shepherd Food Bank - how being a part of this program not only helps their business but also connects them with food pantries in their community. Hear from a couple of food pantries about the impact the fresh farm produce has on those they serve.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Room: Auditorium Main Stage	Farmer Experience- USDA programs Host: USDA	A conversation with USDA and awardees of USDA grant, loan and EQIP programs as they discuss processes and the beneficial impact the programs. Audience members are invited to join in the USDA staff conference sessions for a follow up presentation of the programs.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	State NMPs vs. NMPs and CNMPs; what's the difference? Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit. Andrew Carpenter, Soil Scientist and Owner, Northern Tilth. CEU: Nutrient Management
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Board of Pesticides Control Board Meeting Host: Board of Pesticides Control	The meeting will be projected.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Food Insecurity Programs. How can gleaning fit into my farm operation?	Lynne Holland from UMaine Extension will lead a discussion about the benefits of gleaning for your farm and the community you are a part of.

	Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Somerset	USDA Overview of Programs Related to Agriculture/Farming Host: USDA	USDA Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, and Natural Resources Conservation Service will continue a producer focused discussion of available programming. Attendees will be provided an overview of available USDA programs, and the opportunity to share/hear stories, and participate in a Q&A session.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Hancock	Maine Senior Farmshare Program Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Farmer Roundtable: Participating and interested Maine Senior FarmShare farmers are welcome to join the Program Manager to discuss program and hear about and shape 2023 improvements. Troubleshoot issues and skill share with other farmer participants. Participant Roundtable: Maine Senior FarmShare program participants are welcome to share about their experience with the program and offer feedback for the Program Manager. People new to the program can attend to learn about the program from participants!
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Waldo	Selling to Schools and Institutions Host: Maine Farm to School Network	Learn from experienced wholesale farmers on the ins and outs of selling produce to their surrounding school district(s). They will be joined by the school nutrition directors that purchase from them, who will share details from the school buyer end. Maine Farm to School Network (MFSN) and Maine Department of Education (DOE) will share resources on the Local Foods Fund and Maine's Farm to School Institute, to explore the current incentives and opportunities of

		selling to schools and other meal-serving institutions.
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	Formal & Informal Cooperative Development & Collaboration Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Tom Prohl (Wolfes Neck Farm, Celebration Tree Farm), Jonah Fertig-Burd (Sewall Foundation, Celebration Tree Farm), Ben Gotschall (Wolfes Neck Dairy Manager). In this session our panelists will offer their expertise on the process and practice of development and incorporation of a Cooperative Agricultural business. Additionally, Panelists will share experience in "informal" cooperation and collaboration as farmers work together to create stronger businesses and working relationships with their neighbors, producers and allies in their respective regions"
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Somerset	USDA Grants: Rural Energy for America (REAP) and Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Host: USDA Rural Development	Join USDA Rural Development for a 30-minute presentation on the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to discuss opportunities for rural small businesses and agricultural producers to receive grant funding for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements at their business or farm. Join USDA Rural Development for a 30-minute presentation on the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) to discuss opportunities for agricultural producers to receive grant funding for value-added activities that generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Maine Sheep Breeders Host: Maine Sheep Breeders	Wool handling, working with wool.

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Maine Beef Producers Annual Meeting Host: Maine Beef Producers	Annual Meeting with educational presentations.
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook	It's Not Just Dirt: Soil Health on the Farm Host: Maine Farmer Resource Network	Nick Rowley (Extension), Tony Jenkins + Nick Butler (NRCS), Erica Emery (Rustic Roots Farm). The success of any farm is connected with the health and capacity of its soils - panelists will share current information on best practices, on farm monitoring tools and options, and practical applications of how farmers are adopting no-till and other soil-centric cropping systems.
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Highland Cattle Association Host: Highland Cattle Association	Membership meeting.
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Room: Somerset	Family Forestry Focus Host: New England Forestry Foundation	Brainstorming Session on Forestry, Wildlife, and Ag Outreach: How do we move family landowners from interest to action? Join New England Forestry Foundation and Maine Audubon to explore lessons learned - what's working, what's not - and to share and develop ideas on effective outreach for your project.
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Somerset	SCORE Maine Host: SCORE Maine	Business advising
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Room: Waldo	Maine Network of Community Food Councils Host: Maine Network of	Conversations about how Maine food councils are currently supporting local farms (starting harvest bucks programs, doing promotional events, etc.) and learn ways to improve - especially learning from farmers.

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4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Room: Washington/York	Kennebec County Extension Association Meeting Host: Kennebec County Extension Assoc. Executive Board	Annual meeting of the local, county-level, volunteer-led Cooperative Extension group.